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Jim Hull, Director
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P.O. Box 176
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Dear Mr. Hull:

Re: Jacks Fork River TMDL

This letter is in response to the Jacks Fork River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) submission from Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on December 31, 2003. The Jacks Fork River was identified on the 1998 Missouri §303(d) list as being impaired by fecal coliform bacteria.

EPA has completed its review of this TMDL with supporting documentation and information. By this letter EPA approves the submitted TMDL for Jacks Fork River. Enclosed with this letter are Region 7 TMDL Review Forms which summarize the rationale for EPA's approval of the TMDL. EPA believes the separate elements of the TMDL described in the enclosed forms adequately address the pollutant of concern, taking into consideration seasonal variation, and a margin of safety.

Again, EPA appreciates the thoughtful teamwork and partnering effort that Missouri has put forth in the development of the Jacks Fork River TMDL. We will continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by Missouri to develop TMDLs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leo J. Alderman", written over a circular stamp.

Leo J. Alderman
Director

Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division

Enclosures

cc: Sharon Clifford, TMDL Coordinator, Water Pollution Control Program, Jefferson City, MO